

ATTACK BY FIRE
FAILED TO WIN
AT CUMIERES

The German Columns Used
Flame Projectors as They
Advanced on Caurette's
Wood, on the West Side of
the Meuse River, but the
French Say Attack Failed

ATTACKERS HURLED
BACK BY FRENCH

East of the Meuse, in the
Douaumont-Vaux Sector,
There Was Only Artillery
Fight—French War Office
Claims Germans Sustained
Heavy Losses Yesterday

Paris, April 12.—The German assault
on the Verdun front west of the Meuse
was renewed this morning. The troops
advanced on Caurette's wood, south of
Cumieres, using flame projectors, but
were repulsed, the war office announced.

The French statement last night tell-
ing of yesterday's fighting said:
"East of the Meuse, after a very violent
artillery preparation, which was
completed by an intensive discharge of
incendiary shells, the Germans about 4
o'clock launched a strong attack against
our trenches between Douaumont and
Vaux."

MEXICAN BANDITS
LOST 70 MEN
IN NEW ATTACK

Assailed Carranza Garrison at Pasaje,
Durango, and Were Routed, After
Which They Fled in Disorder.

Torreon, April 11, via El Paso Jour-
nal, April 12.—The details of a five-
day battle between the Carranza garri-
son at Pasaje, Durango, and an at-
tacking force composed of Contreras and
entire bandits were brought here to-
day. The outlaws fled in disorder after
losing 70 killed. It is reported that the
de facto government troops lost four
dead.

VILLA PUTTING UP BLUFF.

Is Using Lopez' Death as Basis for His
Own "Demise."

El Paso, April 12.—An entirely new
version of the story of Villa's death was
brought here today by a Mexican cat-
leman who claimed to have suffered a
visitation from a band of Villa follow-
ers on a ranch near Bachinika. This
man said that Villa was neither dead nor
wounded, but that Pablo Lopez, the
bandit's notorious lieutenant, had died
and that Villa had deliberately used his
death as the basis for a story of his own
finish.

Villa is thought by Mexican officials
to be safely hidden away in the
Sierra Madre mountains while the
American cavalry pursues the rear guard
band of Villa bandits, whose strategy is
to beguile the pursuers away from the
hiding place of their chief. Mexican fol-
lowers say the favorite trick of the
bandit leader is to have the story spread
that he is dead, that the ardor of the
pursuers might be dampened.

SPEAKER SIGNS
WITH CLEVELAND;
SEASON OPENS

Terms of Former Boston Star Were Not
Divulged, but He Will Play with the
Indians This Afternoon.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 12.—Tristram
Speaker signed a contract with the Cleve-
land American league club at noon to-
day and will appear in the lineup this
afternoon in the opening game. The de-
tails of the contract were not divulged.
Speaker's contract is for two years and
it is believed that he will get close to
\$30,000 for his two years' work. He had
asked \$25,000 bonus as part of the price
paid to Boston but it could not be
learned if he obtained it. The official
announcement to-day said simply:
"Speaker has signed a contract. He
signed it as he wanted it."

DIED AS SHE SEWED.

Hinesburg Woman Found with Her Work
In Her Hands.

Hinesburg, April 12.—Mrs. Josephine
Lawrence Kelley was found dead by her
husband, Max K. Kelley, upon his
return from work at 7 o'clock last even-
ing. With sewing in her hands she had
fallen from her chair. Mr. Kelley left
home early yesterday morning, his wife
being apparently as well as usual, al-
though she had suffered at times with
heart attacks. Death probably occurred
before dinner as no preparation had been
made for the meal. Dr. E. A. Burdick
was summoned and he in turn notified
Selection C. W. Pierce, John Chapman
and Henry Godrow.

MILFORD, N. H., BILL
RUNS TO MAY, 1920;
STRIKE IS ENDED

After Conference Which Lasted to Late
in the Evening an Agreement Was
Reached Whereby the Men
Will Resume Work.

Milford, N. H., April 12.—At 10:30
o'clock last night, following a conference
between committees representing the
striking granite workers and their em-
ployers, it was announced that satisfac-
tory agreements had been reached and
the strike that had been in progress since
March 1 was settled.

Some 400 men have been affected by
the strike, and it is said that an increase
in wages was agreed upon which will re-
sult in a general 10 per cent raise. The
new agreement extends for four years,
or until May, 1920. There was some
argument over the length of the agree-
ment, but it was satisfactorily settled.

The chairman of the manufacturers' com-
mittee was Samuel A. Lovejoy, and the
head of the strikers' delegation was
Frank Gardner.

CONFERENCE AT QUINCY.

Some Progress Was Reported After It
Last Night.

Quincy, Mass., April 12.—Committees
representing the locals of the granite
cutters, granite polishers and tool sharp-
eners' unions last night held a five-hour
session with the granite manufacturers at
the Board of Trade building in an effort
to settle the dispute that is keeping
the granite industry here idle. Every-
thing has been disposed of except the
disagreement between the manufacturers
and the polishers as to whether a lump-
sum shall be allowed to do hand polishing.
Last night some progress was made.

"Five Men Hold Up Quincy."

The Quincy (Mass.) Patriot of last
night declared that five men were hold-
ing up a settlement of the trouble in the
granite industry there. The Patriot said:

"According to both granite manufactur-
ers and granite polishers, five men,
representing the locals of the granite
cutters, granite polishers and tool sharp-
eners' unions last night held a five-hour
session with the granite manufacturers at
the Board of Trade building in an effort
to settle the dispute that is keeping
the granite industry here idle. Every-
thing has been disposed of except the
disagreement between the manufacturers
and the polishers as to whether a lump-
sum shall be allowed to do hand polishing.
Last night some progress was made."

"The only point upon which the settle-
ment of the strike is now held up, is in
regard to lumpsums. The manufacturers
want it so arranged that lumpsums may
work at hand polishing 11 hours a week.
The polishers are willing that its men
should do some lumpsums' work, but
insist their pay shall be the same as
other polishers."

"In brief the situation as it is under-
stood is this: The lumpsums are paid \$3 a
day, and the manufacturers desire that
they may work 11 hours during the week
doing hand polishing. As far as can be
ascertained there are just five lumpsums
employed and the pay of each of these
five men would be \$18 per week.
The polishers insist that they shall be
paid the minimum wage of \$4 a day and
thus will be allowed to do what lump-
suming is necessary. In other words,
it means that these men will receive \$1
per day more than would otherwise be
allowed, making their wage \$24 a week.
Therefore, summing it up, it is five
men that are now holding up the resump-
tion of work."

BOY WAS HURLED
AS HE TRIED
TO BOARD TRAIN

William Bocher, 15, Was Struck by Line
of Cars as He Swung Aboard a
Southbound Freight Train
at St. Albans.

St. Albans, April 12.—William Bocher,
aged 15, was seriously injured at 6
o'clock this morning, when he attempted
to board a Central Vermont freight train
which was moving out of the local yard,
southbound. He was taken to the hospi-
tal, where an operation was performed late
this forenoon. The boy said his home
was at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., where
his father, William Bocher, was em-
ployed as a boilermaker by the Dela-
ware & Hudson railroad.

Apparently the crew of train No. 411,
which the youth tried to board, knew
nothing of the accident, but the boy's
attempt was seen by Conductor J. E.
Ingham of a Richmond special freight
train. When the boy tried to swing
aboard the moving train, he struck a line
of cars on the middle track and was
hurled to the ground. Conductor Ingham
and Charles F. Gale, a yard clerk, went
to his assistance and carried him to an
office, where Dr. Alan Davidson, the com-
pany physician, was summoned. Later the
boy was taken to the hospital, where it
was said his condition was serious.
Besides his father in Saratoga Springs,
the boy said he has a sister in Albany,
N. Y.

The freight train which the boy tried
to board was in charge of Conductor
W. L. Wright and Engineer A. A. Parme-
lee.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

For Two Position with National Life In-
surance Company.

At the quarterly meeting of the direc-
tors of the National Life Insurance com-
pany yesterday the election of George
B. Young of Newport as counsel and Wil-
liam W. Russell of White River Junction
as assistant treasurer was an-
nounced. The purchase of property at
the corner of State street and Western
avenue from the administratrix of the
estate of Joseph A. DeBoer was ratified,
and the company's business for the three
months ending March 31 was passed upon.

NEW BRITISH SHIP SUNK.

The Senator Was of 2500 Tons—All Her
Men Probably Safe.

London, April 12.—Lloyd's has an-
nounced that the Senator, a new British
steamship of 2500 tons, has been
sunk. It is believed that all hands were
saved. The Senator was owned in Whit-
by.

WAR WRITER
DEAD AT PHONE

Richard Harding Davis Died
Suddenly at His
Home

HIS BODY FOUND
THIS MORNING

Davis Had Recently Been
Traveling in
Europe

Mount Kisco, N. Y., April 12.—Richard
Harding Davis, author and war corre-
spondent, died at his home here late last
night from heart trouble. His body was
found early this morning. He was ap-
parently stricken while at the telephone.

Davis had gone to the telephone to
dictate a telegram to a friend in New
York City. He had been in failing health
for some time.

Mr. Davis was born in Philadelphia in
1864, the son of the late L. Clark and
Rebecca (Harding) Davis, and was mar-
ried April 4, 1899, in Marion, Mass., to
Cecil, daughter of J. M. Clark of Chicago.
He served as a war correspondent for
the London Times and New York Herald
in the Turkish-Greek, Spanish-American,
South African and Russian-Japanese
wars. He was a fellow of the Royal
Geographical society and a member of
the Explorers' Club of America.

As an author, Mr. Davis wrote many
books, including "Soldiers of Fortune,"
"The English Cousins," "Van Bibber and
Others," "The Rulers of the Mediterranean,"
"Three Gringos in Venezuela," "Cuba
in War Time," "The King's Jackal," "The
Lion and the Unicorn," "West from a
Car Window," "With Both Armies in
South Africa," "Real Soldiers of For-
tune," and many others. He also wrote
a number of plays, "Taming of Helen,"
"Ransom's Folly," "The Dictator," and
"The Gallop."

CHILDREN KILLED
BY EXPLOSION IN
POWDER TOWN

A DuPont Factory Was Blown Up and
Together with It Most of the Vil-
lage—Three Lives Were Lost.

Roseton, Va., April 12.—The plant of
the DuPont Powder company, eight miles
west of Bluefield, W. Va., was destroyed
by an explosion this morning accord-
ing to telephone advices from Bluefield.
Three men were killed. The loss is esti-
mated at \$150,000.

There were four explosions which not
only blew the plant to pieces, but
wrecked the little village of Roseton,
where it was situated. The dead are
one workman and two children. The lat-
ter were killed in their home near the
mill.

The principal damage was done by the
first explosion, which completely de-
stroyed the building in which it oc-
curred. The succeeding explosions are
believed to have caused by flying embers
and were of less intensity. The plant
had been working day and night on war
orders.

Four thousand kegs of black powder
exploded from an unknown cause.

LOST EVERYTHING.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welch Saved Only
the Clothing On Their Backs.

South Royalton, April 12.—The farm-
house and all its contents belonging to
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welch and located
on the stage road between Sharon and
Stratford were burned late Monday night,
and Mr. and Mrs. Welch barely escaped
being awakened by their own, William,
and being able to snatch only a few ar-
ticles of clothing.

The son was awakened by a strange
noise and on investigating he found the
house to be afire. He promptly notified
his parents, and by the time they had
left the building, there was no chance
to save the furniture or other household
accumulations of many years. They were
compelled to stand around in their in-
complete apparel and watch their home
go up in smoke. The barn which was lo-
cated nearby was, fortunately, covered
with an iron roofing so that the sparks
from the burning house did not set fire
to it. The loss is very serious, as Mr.
and Mrs. Welch carried only \$800 insur-
ance, and the loss over and above that
will be \$2,500.

For the time being, Mr. and Mrs.
Welch are stopping with his sister, Mrs.
E. H. Joyce, in this village, and their
son is taking care of the stock at the
farm.

DENTIST ASSISTANT
HURT BY EXPLOSION

And Lane Opera House Building and Con-
tents at Newport Were Damaged
to the Extent of \$5,000.

Newport, April 12.—Fire broke out in
the dental office of Dr. S. W. F. Ham-
ilton in the Lane opera house block at 2:30
yesterday afternoon, caused by the ex-
plosion of the vulcanizer and gasoline
tank. Fred Crawford, a student at Tufts
college, who was assisting Dr. Hamilton,
was enveloped in the flames and severe-
ly, though not fatally burned. Dr. Ham-
ilton, Miss Hamilton and Mrs. Davis of
Glover escaped without injury. The fire
company responded quickly and in a few
minutes had the blaze under control, but
the office and furnishings were complete-
ly destroyed, and only partially covered
by insurance. The nearby office of the
Metropolitan Life Insurance company
was somewhat damaged and the large
stock of E. Lane & Son, general mer-
chandise, was deluged with water. Esti-
mated loss is \$5,000.

REARDON CHOSEN
AS CHAIRMAN

Barre Man To Be Head of the Democr-
ic State Convention Which Will Be
Held in Burlington May 25.

Burlington, April 12.—There were ten
committees present at the meeting of
the Democratic state convention, called
at the Sherwood house yesterday after-
noon by the state chairman, J. E. Ken-
edy of Williston. The following counties
were represented: Addison, D. F. Mac-
auley of Shoreham; Bennington, Fred
Martin of Bennington; proxy for J. B.
Mulligan; Caledonia, A. H. Gleason of
St. Johnsbury; Chittenden, J. E. Ken-
edy; Grand Isle, George Tracy of South
Hero; Franklin, J. J. Thompson of St.
Albans; Lamoille, C. L. Gates of Morris-
ville; Orleans, F. H. Pierce of Orleans;
Orange, H. O. Bixby of Chelsea; Wash-
ington, E. J. Owens of Barre.

Chairman Kennedy presided over the
meeting, which was held in the private
dining room of the hotel. It was voted
to hold the state convention in Burling-
ton on May 25 to elect delegates and al-
ternates to the national convention at
St. Louis, and to hold the caucuses on
May 16, the day of the presidential pri-
mary. Rev. J. B. Reardon of Barre was
selected as temporary chairman of the
convention and Harry W. Witters of St.
Johnsbury as secretary. It was voted
that the representation at the conven-
tion be appointed according to the last
gubernatorial vote, with one delegate to
each town and an additional delegate for
each 50 votes or major fraction thereof,
which is the usual apportionment. M.
G. Leary of Burlington, Rev. J. Wesley
Miller of Bethel and Ernest Hitchcock of
Pittsford were elected as the committee
on resolutions.

KILLED BY BLOW
ON HEAD BY BRIDGE

Patrick E. Casey, Rutland Railroad Em-
ployee, Was Climbing to Top of Car
When Accident Happened.

Middlebury, April 12.—With his scalp
torn nearly from his head and suffering
from injuries to his back, Patrick E.
Casey, employed in the car department
of the Rutland railroad at Rutland, was
found about 4 o'clock yesterday morning
on top of a freight car at the station in
this village, having been hit apparently
when the train passed under the Main
street bridge. Despite his horrible in-
juries, he retained consciousness almost
to the time of his death, which occurred
at 8 o'clock at a hospital in Burlington.
The unfortunate man had been ordered
to Albury to take charge of steam shovel
work.

No one saw the accident. The man's
groans were heard by Conductor J. W.
Brinslin, in charge of the freight train,
when the train stopped here for orders,
and to get water. The man's entire
scalp was torn nearly from his head.
He was going up the ladder to get on
top of the car when the train came
and he fell from the bridge and prob-
ably would have fallen between the cars if
logs had not caught in the rungs of the
ladder. He was not able, however, to
give a complete explanation of the acci-
dent.

He was taken into the station and Dr.
E. H. Martin was summoned as well as
Father Leonard, pastor of St. Mary's
church, who administered the last rites
of the church. He was taken on the
sleeper to Burlington.

The remains were taken last evening
from Burlington to his home in Rutland.
He was about 55 years of age and had
been in the employ of the company for
a number of years. He leaves a wife;
four sons, Mark Casey of Middlebury,
who went to Burlington yesterday noon,
Augustus, Patrick and Gregory Casey of
Rutland, and one daughter, Irene, who
lived at home in Rutland. Mrs. Carl O.
Frost of this village was a niece.

DEATH FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

Mrs. Albert Corey Died To-day After a
Long Illness.

Mrs. Lena Corey, aged 20, wife of Al-
bert Corey, passed away at her home on
Prospect street this morning at 2 o'clock,
the end following an illness of several
months. Death was due to tuberculosis.
Before her husband, Mrs. Corey was sur-
vived by four sisters, Mrs. Alex Corey of
this city, Mrs. Charles Toney of Little-
ton, N. H., Mrs. Julian Locust of North
Adams, Mass., and Mrs. John Doumat of
Fort Kent, Me. Two brothers also sur-
vive, Daniel Romaine of Barre and a
brother residing in Syria.

Mrs. Corey was born Lena Romaine on
Mount Lebanon in Syria, 20 years ago.
She came to America three years ago
and her marriage to Mr. Corey took place
in Burlington Dec. 19, 1914. After their
marriage, the couple came to Barre to
reside. Mrs. Corey was a member of
the Catholic church and numbered many
friends in the Syrian colony in Barre.

It is expected that funeral services
will be held in St. Monica's church Fri-
day, although the hour has not been de-
termined. The parish priest, Rev. P. M.
McKenna, will officiate and interment is
to be made in the Catholic cemetery on
Buckley street.

WILL REOPEN TO-MORROW.

Cobble Hill School Was Closed Merely as
Precautionary Measure.

Dr. E. H. Bailey, health officer in Barre
Town, said to-day that the statement in
yesterday's paper purporting to come
from his office regarding the close of the
Cobble Hill school on account of scarlet
fever in the school was not correct; that
the school was not closed because of
scarlet fever in any family whose chil-
dren attend Cobble Hill school, and that
the school will reopen to-morrow (Thurs-
day) morning.

In explaining his statement, Dr. Bailey
said that the school was closed last Fri-
day because a boy named Winter, at-
tending Goddard seminary, had been pre-
sent at a grange meeting in the hall, and
his case had since then been diagnosed as
scarlet fever. So the school was closed
merely as a precautionary measure. Dr.
Bailey said that his knowledge there is
no case, and has been no case of scarlet
fever in any family whose children at-
tend that school, but that there was one
case of scarlet fever in the Cobble Hill
neighborhood three weeks ago and there
is no other case now. Both patients,
said the health officer, are students at
Goddard seminary. Both the houses in
question have been under quarantine.

ROAD NARROW
AND RUTTED

Was Point Introduced by
Defense in the Rich-
Cross Suit

CALLED DANGEROUS
EVEN IF SMOOTH

\$10,000 Suit for Death of
Mrs. Rich in Auto Acci-
dent Nearly Ended

That Northfield street in Montpelier,
near the Kingsbury farm, where the
Cross automobile accident occurred last
summer, was dangerous because of nar-
rowness at that point and the existence
of ruts from one to three inches thick
was a point brought out by two wit-
nesses for the defense who testified to-
day in Washington county court in the
Seth C. Rich vs. George Cross case.

William Pervier and his father, Charles
Pervier, both of Northfield, told of driv-
ing along that particular piece of road
the day preceding and the day of the
accident and described the condition of
the road. The former said that he had
noticed the ruts, which were from one to
three inches deep, and extended across
the ravine. He had stopped his machine
in one instance at that point on meet-
ing a machine because he was afraid to
pass it at that point.

The road was barely wide enough for
autos to meet, he testified on direct ex-
amination. On cross-examination he ad-
mitted the ruts could easily be seen by
anyone exercising ordinary care in driv-
ing a machine. He also admitted that
at night with headlights in good working
order that the ruts would be even more
distinct. If the night was foggy the
road could not be seen as well and he
testified as to his experience with fog
pockets.

Charles Pervier said that he considered
the place in question dangerous even if
the road was smooth instead of having
ruts.

Robert Mayo, son of Dr. W. R. Mayo,
and Vivian Morton, both of whom were
in a party which had been in Barre on
the night of the accident, told of stop-
ping at the place of the accident on the
return trip to Northfield and they placed
the time at 11:30 o'clock. They offered
to help Mr. Cross and his party. At that
time Mrs. Rich had been removed to the
hospital and the only persons there were
Mr. Cross and Mr. Hutehins and a per-
son whom they did not know. They did
not notice any indications that Mr. Cross
was under the influence of liquor.

The testimony regarding the position
of the car relative to the rock in the
field differed with that offered by the
plaintiff, each witness insisting that the
front wheel of the car rested upon the
rock rather than being on one side of it
with the running board straddling it.

Manager J. R. Rabidon of the Cross
Bros. garage told of being summoned
to the scene of the accident by telephone
and he carried, as a passenger, from
Northfield, Mr. Rich. They stopped but
a few moments at the scene on their way
and then proceeded to the hospital, where
Mrs. Rich was taken. Returning, a long
stop was made and later two em-
ployees of the Cross garage were carried
to the scene and insisted to pull the
damaged car back into the road. Mr.
Rabidon described the damage done to
the machine, his description tallying al-
most exactly with those offered by wit-
nesses for the plaintiff.

Miss Evelyn McCarthy, who was em-
ployed in the Rich bakery at Northfield,
testified that Mrs. Rich had told her of
her troubles with her husband, and the
witness said that the two were quarrel-
ling almost all the time. On cross-exam-
ination Miss McCarthy said that Mr.
Rich had been kind to his wife and ap-
parently tried to regain her affection
and to get her to stop going about with
Frank Hutehins. Mr. Rich told the wit-
ness that she didn't like Mr. Cross, but
would not turn down any invitation
from him to go on automobile rides.

B. L. Spooner of Montpelier testified
that he took a party, including Dr. Har-
ness, to the scene of the accident the
night it occurred. He said he talked
with Cross at the time and did not think
Cross was intoxicated. The witness told
of offering to buy the automobile just
as it stood, and Cross replied that it was
no time to talk about a trade. The wit-
ness also described the condition of the
car.

ESTIMABLE YOUNG WOMAN.

Annie Anderson Olson Died Last Evening
After Long Illness.

The death of Mrs. Annie Anderson Ol-
son took place last night at 4:45 o'clock
after an illness of one year. She was
the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E.
Anderson of 29 Warren street. Born in
Barre Oct. 28, 1893, she had lived all her
life in Barre. She was of a gentle dis-
position and her friends were many. Up
until the last she had received many of
her friends although she suffered intense-
ly. She was ever patient, and was al-
ways glad when she could be helping
around.

She was a member of the Scandinavian
Brotherhood of America and was active
in all its affairs, taking a deep interest
in all that pertained to the advancement
of its work. Besides her parents, her
two brothers, Victor and Leroy, were
present at her bedside.

The funeral will be held from her late
home, 29 Warren street, on Friday at
2:30 p. m. Interment will be in Hope
cemetery. (This is the only intimation
and invitation.)

New Burlington Corporation.

Articles of association were filed with
the secretary of state at Montpelier to-
day for the Peoples Department Store
company, a corporation to be located at
Burlington. The company has a capital
stock of \$35,000 and the incorporators
are M. J. Levin, Charles Levin of Bur-
lington, Gabriel Levin of Goldboro, N. C.,
and Samuel Levin and David Levin of
New York City.

BARRE MACHINISTS
ASK \$3 MINIMUM

Employers Did Not Seem Disposed Last
Evening to Agree to the New Propo-
sition to Replace Bill Ex-
piring April 30.

Machinists of Barre local of the union
of that name threaten to strike May 1
unless their demands for a \$3 minimum
are met and if the stand taken by the
employees at a conference of the two com-
mittees last evening is maintained, the
union officials say the men will go out.
The present agreement between the ma-
chinery and the employees has been in
force for the past six years. When it
was signed, it was supposed to continue
indefinitely unless, after a year, either
side should give notice of its desire for
a change. Recently the machinists met
and voted to go after a \$3 minimum for
eight hours to replace the present mini-
mum scale of \$2.25 for nine hours.

Upon the presentation of the demands
to the employers, the latter asked for a
conference, which took place last night.
The employers, represented by Frank L.
Smith, W. A. Lane, W. H. Holden and
E. M. Tobin, while H. B. Wykes, J. J.
McMahon and M. J. Hamel appeared for
the machinists. In giving their demands
in detail, the union members asked that
all members working for the proposed
minimum, \$3, receive an increase of 50
cents per day. To all propositions, it is
reported, the employers took the stand
that an extension of the wage scale and
a decrease in the hours are impossible at
this time. Very little time was con-
sumed, as it stood, in ascertaining where
both sides stand with the result that
the conference straightway came to a
deadlock.

The machinists hold that nearly all or-
ganized and unorganized labor in Barre
is working only eight hours and that ma-
chinery all over the country are getting
even better than the \$3 minimum asked.
It is reported that the employers point
to different business conditions as their
reason for refusing the demands. The
machinists say they will not work on the
nine-hour, \$2.25 schedule after May 1.

TENDERS RESIGNATION.

Rev. Fred McNeill Gave Startling Rea-
sons Therefor.

Startling reasons for resigning from
his pastorate were given by Rev. Fred
McNeill in severing his connection with
the Graniteville Presbyterian church
when the board of managers met last
evening. The board and session met at
the Presbyterian manse at the request of
the pastor, who proceeded to outline his
views on the situation in Graniteville.

In tendering his resignation to become
effective April 30, he gave his reasons in
brief as follows. It is said:
"Because an undivided church is diffi-
cult to carry on under the most propi-
tious circumstances, whereas a church
divided against itself, as in Graniteville,
according to Mr. McNeill, cannot expect
the minister to do other than to desire
a separation. Categorically, the retiring
pastor referred to other troubles that
have arisen. Factions, he declared bit-
terly, fought him from the time he ar-
rived in the village, some because he
couldn't use the Gaelic language; others
because he wouldn't preach Socialism;
another because he wouldn't deny a cer-
tain woman the privilege of communion after
she had been accused of calling a neigh-
bor a fool. The last faction opposing
him, he said, was the outgrowth of a
lawsuit in which the jury saw fit to go
against him."

He will conduct services in the church
for the last time April 30, when there
will be communion. The presbytery,
meeting in Lowell, Mass., next week, will
make future plans for the church and
the retiring pastor.

FOUR CARS DERAILED

But Their Contents Were Not Damaged
in Smash.

Passenger traffic over the Barre branch
of the Central Vermont railroad was
transferred to the interurban line of the
Montpelier & Wells River road for a
time yesterday afternoon on account of
the derailment of four freight cars on
the main line just south of the Williams-
town transfer. Hurried summons were
sent to St. Albans for the wrecking
crew soon after the derailment occurred
shortly before 2 o'clock and in order that
the passenger service might not be ma-
terially affected permission was obtained
at the Montpelier & Wells River offices
to use the "Wells River" road in the
emergency. The Central Vermont wreck-
ing crew arrived in the city around 6
o'clock last night and was taken
once to clear the main line.